The MCCC Connection

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Ownership Update
An open letter from QuickPac

The past few years have not been kind to the Amiga Community. Since the demise of Commodore, the ownership and future of the Amiga has been continually uncertain. The only thing that has remained constant is the loyalty of Amiga users. It is with respect to this loyalty that we feel it necessary to let YOU know the current state of affairs and what QuikPak is doing to see that the Amiga has the successful future it so deserves.

Back when Amiga Technologies was owned by Escom, QuikPak was selected to manufacture the complete A4000T and components for the A1200. During the collapse of Escom and the subsequent negotiations with VIScorp, QuikPak continued manufacturing and servicing Amiga Computers. Throughout this time of uncertainty, QuikPak continued to support the platform, placing ads in the North American publication Amazing Computing, forging alliances with Amiga developers and supporters, and developing new products of our own. Recently, at AmigaFest in Toronto, we unveiled two new computers and we have been shipping the `060 Accelerator for the A4000T. We believe this product development clearly demonstrates our commitment to the Amiga.

It now appears evident that negotiations between VIScorp and Amiga Technologies have reached a standstill. As a creditor of Amiga Technologies, QuikPak has a vested interest in seeing the future of the Amiga handled properly. To this end, QuikPak has placed an offer in front of the German liquidator for Amiga Technologies, and we are awaiting further information regarding this.

What does this mean to you, the end user? QuikPak believes that there is more to the Amiga than a simple set top box. We believe that the A4000 and its successors have a place in the market. We believe that a model along the lines of the A1200 also can play an important role in the future of the Amiga. We further believe that products currently under development at QuikPak can bring the Amiga back to the forefront in innovation. We believe that working closely with developers, other manufacturers, distributors, and dealers is necessary to make the Amiga a success. And, perhaps most importantly of all, we believe in listening to you, the person who has kept this platform alive.

We hope that the new year will allow us to bring you good news, that QuikPak will be successful in our negotiations with the German liquidator. We trust that the liquidator will move quickly, and justly, to see these events through. We encourage any and all input from the Amiga Community — let us know what you want to see. And, finally, we encourage those responsible for handling the Amiga Technologies' assets to be as open as we at QuikPak are striving to be.

Sincerely,
Dave Ziembicki
C.E.O
QuikPak Corporation

Disks of the Month
January additions to the library

MCCC-A_1205

ManiacBall — An execllent breakout game.
Paddles ate on up to four sides at once.
Pictures:
Dolphins.jpg

MCCC-A_1206

akGIF-Datatype — Very fast GIF datatype.
MUI-ASL — Replacement for the standard file reqester.
SnakeMan — Action game.

MCCC-A_1207

Pictures:
RedTailedHawk.jpg
Westanao.jpg
Term_4.7a_Patch — Best terminal program available.
This patches version 4.7.

MCCC-A_1208

akJFIF-Datatype — Very fast Jpeg datatype.
akSVG-Datatype

(Over)

Pictures:
PvWild34.jpg
TurkeyVulture.jpg

MCCC-A_1209

akPNG-Datatype
CaBoom — Exploding windows hack.
ClassUpdate — Update your system classes.

MCCC-A_1210

CyberAVI
DTpref40 — Set preferences for some datatypes.
ExeDT401 — Datatype shows info about an executable.
Lupe — Magnifying tool that works on all screens.
Even supports CyberGraphX systems.
Plugged — Powerful audio CD player.

MCCC-A_121

MCC_Mailtext — A MUI Custom Class.
MUIMore_110 — Text reader using the MUI interface.
PatchRAM — Shows that actual size available for RAM:.
ReqTools — Replaces the standard system requesters.
An update.

MCCC-A_1212

CyberUpdate2.20 — An update to CyberGraphX.
Update for registered or demo version.
New8n1 — New, faster replacement for serial.device.

MCCC-A_1213

CyberShow — Best picture viewer for CyberGraphX.
Update for registered or demo version.
PictureDT-V43 — 24-bit displays with graphics cards.

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January Calendar

January 7 — MCCC Board of Director's Meeting
7:30 pm — Ned Kelly's Place

January 11 — Metro C64/128 Chapter
1:30 pm — UNT Health Sciences Building

January 14 — Amiga By-The-Loop Chapter
7:30 pm — Bell Helicopter Training Facility

January 21 — Amiga North Dallas Chapter
7:30 pm — Richardson Square Mall, Community Room

Newsletter Deadline — January 25, 7:00 am

Membership Watch

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Gene Lipnicky
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